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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2019
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs
SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

ACTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced Legislation

HB 5059 – **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** (Slagh) A bill to reimburse ISDs for the capture of certain school operating mills by brownfield redevelopment authorities was introduced and referred to the House Tax Policy Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5069 – **Child Care Fund** (VanWoerkom) A bill to create an appropriation for the Child Care Fund in the Department of Health and Human Services budget was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5077 – **PSA Allocation** (Wakeman) A bill to modify the definition of maximum public school academy allocation in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5078 – **Summer School Reading Program** (Glenn) A bill to provide for a summer school reading program in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5079 – **Career Education** (Hauck) A bill to provide for funding for career education planning districts and certain intermediate districts in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5080 – **Secure Schools Grant** (Griffin) A bill to provide for the Statewide Secure Schools Grant Program in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

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HB 5081 – **Autism Train the Trainer Pilot** (Frederick) A bill to provide for a pilot training program to train providers on models of intervention for autism in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5087 – **Board of Education** (Yancey) A bill to require continuing education for board of education members was introduced and referred to the House Education Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5088 – **Board of Education** (Yancey) A bill to provide for funding to reimburse districts for board member training was introduced and referred to the House Education Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 5093 – **Supplemental Payments to Rural Districts** (Cambensy) A bill to provide for supplemental payments to rural districts was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 10, 2019.

HB 5094 – **Open Carry** (Johnson) A bill to prohibit open-carry in Michigan except for certain individuals was introduced and referred to the House Judiciary Committee on October 10, 2019.

HB 5098 – **Concealed Pistols** (Paquette) A bill that would waive the fee for renewal of a concealed pistol license was introduced and referred to the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 5101 – **School Aid Supplemental** (Hoadley) A bill to provide for a multi-section supplemental for school aid, higher education, and community colleges was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 5102 – **Multidepartment Supplemental** (Hoadley) A bill to provide for fiscal year 2019-20 multidepartment supplemental appropriations was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 5104 – **Water Filtration Systems** (Neeley) A bill to create the School and Child Care Center Clean Drinking Water Fund and require the installation of water filtration systems in schools was introduced and referred to the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 5105 – **Water Filtration Systems** (Afendoulis) A bill to require the installation of water filtration systems in child care centers was introduced and referred to the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 5133 – **School Counselor Corps** (Garza) A bill to create the School Counselor Corps Grant Program was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 5135 – **Immunizations** (Reilly) A bill to restrict the ability of the Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate rules regarding immunizations was introduced and referred to the House Health Policy Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 5136 – **Immunizations** (Reilly) A bill to restrict the ability for the Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate rules regarding immunizations and require new immunizations to be enacted into law was introduced and referred to the House Health Policy Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 5139 – **Sexual Orientation Discrimination** (Sneller) A bill to expand the definition of ethnic intimidation to include gender identify and sexual orientation was introduced and referred to the House Government Operations Committee on October 23, 2019.

HB 5142 – **Mental Health** (Meerman) A bill to include certain information related to a pupil's mental health in the contents of a school pupil's record was introduced and referred to the House Health Policy Committee on October 23, 2019.

HB 5165 – **Making a Difference for a Teacher Act** (Paquette) A bill to create the Making a Difference for a Teacher Act was introduced and referred to the House Tax Policy Committee on October 30, 2019.

HB 5166 – **Made a Difference Teacher Fund** (Shannon) A bill to provide for an individual income tax checkoff for the Made a Difference Teacher Fund was introduced and referred to the House Tax Policy Committee on October 30, 2019.

HB 5175 – **Administrative Board** (Frederick) A bill to modify the State Administrative Board limitations for grants and transfers was introduced and referred to the House Government Operations Committee on October 30, 2019.

HB 5176 – **Administrative Board** (Hernandez) A bill to modify the State Administrative Board limitations for grants and transfers was introduced and referred to the House Government Operations Committee on October 30, 2019.

HB 5177 – **Budget Target Deadline** (VanW) A bill to establish a target deadline of July 1 to present the budget to the Governor was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 30, 2019.

HB 5185 – **Abortion** (Gay-Dagnogo) A bill to modify the State School Aid Act to reflect repealed abortion laws was introduced and referred to the House Government Operations Committee on October 31, 2019.

HB 5187 – **School Aid Fund** (Warren) A bill to provide for reimbursement of revenue lost to the School Aid Fund as a result of certain exemptions was introduced and referred to the House Commerce and Tourism Committee on October 31, 2019.

HB 5188 – **School Aid Fund** (Huizenga) A bill to provide for reimbursement of revenue lost to the School Aid Fund as a result of certain exemptions was introduced and referred to the House Commerce and Tourism Committee on October 31, 2019.

HB 5189 – **Integrated Student Support Services** (Carter) A bill to provide for standards for providing integrated student support services was introduced and referred to the House Education Committee on October 31, 2019.

Legislative Action

HB 4064 – **Childhood Lead Poisoning** (Neeley) A bill provide for a program for testing and removing lead in drinking water used by schools and child care centers received its first hearing before the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 4208 – **Educator Evaluations** (Johnson) A bill to prohibit certain conflicts of interest in performance and evaluation systems for teachers was reported by the House Ways and Means Committee with substitute (H-4) and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 22, 2019.

HB 4675 – **Strict Discipline Academies** (Afendoulis) A bill to modify the enrollment requirements for strict discipline academies received its second hearing before the House Education Committee, was reported, and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 4689 – **School Safety** (VanSingel) A bill to allow and provide standards for temporary door barricade devices in school buildings was placed on third reading in the House of Representatives on October 30, 2019.

HB 4739 – **School Safety** (Berman) A bill to require annual inspections of all public and nonpublic schools for health and safety violations received its first hearing before the House Education Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 4744 – **Drinking Water** (Love) A bill to provide for a program for testing and removing lead in drinking water used by vulnerable population centers received its first hearing before the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 4746 – **Drinking Water** (Griffin) A bill to codify drinking water standards and a Michigan PFAS action team received its first hearing before the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 4747 – **Childhood Lead Poisoning** (Cherry) A bill to provide for duties of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission received its first hearing before the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 4748 – **Childhood Lead Poisoning** (Whiteford) A bill to establish the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission received its first hearing before the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 4749 – **Water** (Afendoulis) A bill to require source water testing for public water suppliers proposing to hook up to a new water source received its first hearing before the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 4750 – **Water** (Kennedy) A bill to require disclosure of lead service line by water suppliers to customers and any landlords to tenants received its first hearing before the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee on October 15, 2019.

HB 4770 – **Firearms Provisions** (Johnson) A bill to repeal certain provisions regarding weapons was reported by the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee and referred to the House Judiciary Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4771 – **Firearms Provisions** (Reilly) A bill to update references to firearms was reported by the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee and referred to the House Judiciary Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4772 – **Firearms Provisions** (Hoitenga) A bill to update references to firearms in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act was reported by the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee and referred to the House Judiciary Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4773 – **Firearms Provisions** (Maddock) A bill to update references to firearms in sentencing guidelines was reported by the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee and referred to the House Judiciary Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4774 – **Firearms Provisions** (Hornberger) A bill to update references to firearms in the Corrections Code of 1953 was reported by the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee and referred to the House Judiciary Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4823 – **Millage Language** (Bellino) A bill to revise regional enhancement millage ballot language was reported by the House Ways and Means Committee and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 29, 2019.

HB 4826 – **Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship** (Brann) A bill to require school districts and PSAs to ensure that the social studies curriculum for grade 8 includes a program of instruction in free enterprise and entrepreneurship received its first hearing before the House Education Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 4856 – **Certifications** (Miller) A bill to provide for the nullification of certain endorsements on teaching certificates or grade-level certifications included in teaching certificates after seven years of disuse, upon the request of the teacher, received its first hearing before the House Education Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 4974 – **Michigan Merit Curriculum** (VanWoerkom) A bill to modify the merit curriculum requirements to allow computer coding to be considered a language other than English was reported by the House Education Committee and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 4980 – **Conviction Set-Asides** (Leutheuser) A bill to provide certain convictions to be automatically set aside after 10 years under certain circumstances was reported by the House Judiciary Committee and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 29, 2019.

HB 4981 – **Conviction Set-Asides** (Wendzel) A bill to allow certain traffic offences committed by a person without a commercial driver license to be set aside was reported by the House Judiciary Committee and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 29, 2019.

HB 4982 – **Conviction Set-Asides** (Meerman) A bill to modify the set aside process for certain marihuana related offenses was reported by the House Judiciary Committee and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 29, 2019.

HB 4983 – **Conviction Set-Asides** (Rabhi) A bill to amend the time period after certain events an applicant must wait to petition to set aside a conviction was reported by the House Judiciary Committee and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 29, 2019.

HB 4984 – **Conviction Set-Asides** (LaGrand) A bill to expand the number of felony and misdemeanor offenses that may be set aside was reported by the House Judiciary Committee and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 29, 2019.

HB 4985 – **Conviction Set-Asides** (Gay-Dagnogo) A bill to allow expungement of multiple felonies arising out of the same criminal transaction under certain circumstances was reported by the House Judiciary Committee and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 29, 2019.

HB 4989 – **Regional Enhancement Property Tax** (Bellino) A bill to modify the timing and manner for submitting a regional enhancement property tax question to the intermediate school electors in certain large intermediate school districts was reported by the House Education Committee and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 5038 – **School Buses** (O'Malley) A bill to modify penalties for entering a school bus with intent to do bodily harm received its second hearing before the House Military, and Homeland Security Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 5039 – **School Buses** (Rendon) A bill to enact sentencing guidelines for the crime of entering a school bus with intent to do bodily harm received its second hearing before the House Military, and Homeland Security Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 5040 – **School Buses** (Jones) A bill to modify allowable painting of school buses received its second hearing before the House Military, and Homeland Security Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 5041 – **School Buses** (Carter) A bill to allow school bus stop-arm cameras and provide penalties for violations received its second hearing before the House Military, and Homeland Security Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 5042 – **School Buses** (VanWoerkom) A bill to allow school bus stop-arm cameras received its second hearing before the House Military, and Homeland Security Committee on October 29, 2019.

HB 5127 – **Enterprise Data Center Taxes** (Kahle) A bill to include the definition of enterprise data center as a qualified data center for the use tax received its second hearing before the House Commerce and Tourism Committee on October 31, 2019.

HB 5128 – **Enterprise Data Center Taxes** (Warren) A bill to include the definition of enterprise data center as a qualified data center for the sales tax received its second hearing before the House Commerce and Tourism Committee on October 31, 2019.

HR 178 – **Careers in Energy Week** (Bellino) A resolution to declare October 14-18, 2019 as Careers in Energy Week in the state of Michigan was introduced and adopted on October 10, 2019.

HR 179 – **Children's Environmental Health Day** (Kennedy) A resolution to declare October 10, 2019 as Children's Environmental Health Day in the state of Michigan was introduced and adopted on October 10, 2019.

SB 72 – **School Records – Address Confidentiality** (Johnson) A bill to prohibit MDE, school districts, ISDs, PSAs, EMOs, or authorizing bodies from disclosing the confidential address of a pupil if the pupil or parent/legal guardian has obtained a participation card under the Address Confidentiality Program is scheduled to receive its first hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on November 5, 2019.

SB 455 – **Data Center** (Stamas) A bill to modify the exemption for certain property located in a renaissance zone was reported by the House Commerce and Tourism Committee and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on October 31, 2019.

SB 466 – **Foster Care** (Bizon) A bill to implement a qualified residential treatment program in the Family First Prevention Services Act received its first hearing before the House Families, Children, and Seniors Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 467 – **Foster Care** (Bullock) A bill to modify the regulation of foster family homes or foster family group homes received its first hearing before the House Families, Children, and Seniors Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 468 – Residential Treatment Program (Bizon) A bill to provide regulations for placement in a qualified residential treatment program received its first hearing before the House Families, Children, and Seniors Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 469 – Residential Treatment Program (Bullock) A bill to require the court's approval or disapproval of a qualified residential treatment placement at certain hearings received its first hearing before the House Families, Children, and Seniors Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 539 – Child Care (Bizon) A bill to update the criminal history check for child caring institution staff and the retention of certain data as required by the federal Families First Prevention Services Act received its first hearing before the House Families, Children, and Seniors Committee on October 30, 2019.

Upcoming House Committees

The House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet on November 5, 2019 for a hearing on SB 72 regarding the disclosure of student records.

ACTION IN THE SENATE

Introduced Legislation

SB 545 – Michigan Tuition Grants (Stamas) A bill to provide for Michigan tuition grants in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 547 – Child Care Fund (Stamas) A bill to provide for the Child Care Fund in the Department of Health and Human Services budget was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 552 – Autism Train the Trainer Pilot (Stamas) A bill to provide for a pilot program to train providers on models of intervention for autism in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 555 – PSA Allocation (Stamas) A bill to modify the definition of maximum public school academy allocation in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 556 – Career Education (Stamas) A bill to provide for funding for career education planning districts and certain intermediate districts in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 558 – Summer School Reading Program (Stamas) A bill to provide for a summer school reading program in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 561 – **Secure Schools Grant** (Stamas) A bill to provide for the Statewide Secure Schools Grant Program in the State School Aid Act was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 567 – **Autism Train the Trainer** (Stamas) A bill to provide for autism train the trainer funding in the Department of Human Services budget was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

SB 575 – **Supplemental Payments to Rural Districts** (Schmidt) A bill to provide for supplemental payments to rural districts was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 10, 2019.

SB 576 – **Multidepartmental Supplemental** (Hertel) A bill to provide for fiscal year 2019-2020 multidepartmental supplemental appropriations was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 10, 2019.

SB 577 – **School Aid Supplemental** (Hertel) A bill to provide for a multisection supplemental for school aid, higher education, and community colleges was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 10, 2019.

SB 584 – **First Aid Response Kits** (Wojno) A bill to require first aid response kits in school buildings was introduced and referred to the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on October 15, 2019.

SB 589 – **Water Filtration Systems** (Ananich) A bill to require the installation of water filtration systems in child care centers was introduced and referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on October 15, 2019.

SB 590 – **Water Filtration Systems** (VanderWall) A bill to create the School and Child Care Center Clean Drinking Water Fund and require the installation of water filtration systems in school was introduced and referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on October 15, 2019.

SB 594 – **Student Support Services** (Schmidt) A bill to provide for standards for integrated student support services was introduced and referred to the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on October 22, 2019.

SB 611 – **Library Records** (MacGregor) A bill to allow the release or disclosure of library records to certain persons under certain circumstances was introduced and referred to the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee on October 29, 2019.

SB 614 – **Instruction and Professional Development** (Lucido) A bill to make instruction and professional development in the warning signs of suicide and depression mandatory was introduced and referred to the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 616 – **Administrative Board** (Nesbitt) A bill to modify State Administrative Board limitations on grants and transfers was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 617 – **Administrative Board** (Stamas) A bill to modify State Administrative Board limitations for grants and transfers was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 618 – **Budget Target Deadline** (MacGregor) A bill to establish a target deadline of July 1 to present the budget to the Governor was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 30, 2019.

SB 628 – **Abortion** (Alexander) A bill to modify the State School Aid Act to reflect repealed abortion laws was introduced and referred to the Senate Government Operations Committee on October 31, 2019.

Legislative Action

HB 4108 – **Mandatory Reporting** (Hauck) A bill to expand mandatory reporting requirements for child abuse or child neglect to include physical therapists and physical therapist assistants received a hearing before the Senate Families, Seniors, and Veterans Committee on October 23, 2019.

HB 4125 – **Renew Michigan Fund** (VanSingel) A bill to reverse a public act from last session that reduced the income tax revenue earmarked for the School Aid Fund was reported by the House Appropriations Committee with substitute H-2 and referred to second reading in the House of Representatives on October 16, 2019.

HB 4223 – **Dental Screening** (VanSingel) A bill to require dental screening of children who are registering for the first time in kindergarten or first grade received its first hearing before the Senate Health Policy and Human Services Committee on October 17, 2019.

HB 4311 – **Internet Gaming Act** (Iden) A bill to create the Lawful Internet Gaming Act; allow internet gaming to be conducted in accordance with the new act; license various activities; create the Division of Internet Gaming in the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB); impose a tax on the conduct of licensed internet gaming; create the Internet Gaming Fund; prohibit certain conduct; establish civil sanctions and criminal penalties for violations of the act; and authorize the promulgation of rules was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 30, 2019.

HB 4312 – **Internet Gaming Act** (Byrd) A bill to place the maximum term of imprisonment for a felony violation of the Lawful Internet Gaming Act within the sentencing guidelines was passed by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate on October 30, 2019.

HB 4323 – **Internet Gaming Act** (Garrett) A bill to exempt gambling conducted under the Lawful Internet Gaming Act from the provisions of the Michigan Penal Code was passed by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate on October 30, 2019.

HB 4540 – **Out-of-State Retailer Taxes** (Afendoulis) A bill to clarify the nexus of marketplace facilitators for the sales tax was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Finance Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4541 – **Out-of-State Retailer Taxes** (Tate) A bill to clarify the nexus of marketplace facilitators for the use tax was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Finance Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4542 – **Out-of-State Retailer Taxes** (Webber) A bill to require out-of-state retailers to remit sales tax was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Finance Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4543 – **Out-of-State Retailer Taxes** (Yancey) A bill to require out-of-state retailers to remit use tax was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Finance Committee on October 22, 2019.

HB 4546 – **Dual Enrollment** (Kahle) A bill to modify certain dual enrollment eligibility requirements in the Career and Technical Education Act was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on October 24, 2019.

HB 4547 – **Dual Enrollment** (Frederick) A bill to modify certain dual enrollment eligibility requirements in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on October 24, 2019.

HB 4916 – **Sports Betting Act** (Iden) A bill to create the Sports Betting Act (five percent of the imposed tax of eight percent on gross receipts would go to the School Aid Fund) was passed by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate on October 30, 2019.

HB 4917 – **Sports Betting Act** (Hall) A bill to exempt sports betting conducted under the proposed Sports Betting Act from certain provisions of the Michigan Penal Code was passed by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate on October 30, 2019.

HB 4918 – **Sports Betting Act** (Webber) A bill to place the maximum term of imprisonment for a felony violation of the Sports Betting Act within the sentencing guidelines under the Code of Criminal Procedure was passed by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate on October 30, 2019.

HCR 2 – **ACEs** (Vaupel) A concurrent resolution to declare Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) a critical health issue, commit the Legislature to action, and encourage the Governor to direct agencies to assess and report progress on reducing ACEs was passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Families, Seniors, and Veterans Committee on October 24, 2019.

SB 171 – **Michigan Merit Curriculum** (Stamas) A bill to strike the foreign language/CTE reporting requirement in the Michigan Merit Curriculum is scheduled to receive its first hearing before the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on November 5, 2019.

SB 402 – **Water PFAS** (MacGregor) A bill to codify the Michigan PFAS action response team was reported by the Senate Environmental Quality Committee with substitute (S-1) and referred to the Senate on October 23, 2019.

SB 600 – **Michigan Merit Curriculum** (Bumstead) A bill to modify the Michigan Merit Curriculum is scheduled to receive its first hearing before the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on November 5, 2019.

SB 601 – **Michigan Merit Curriculum** (Bumstead) A bill to remove reference to certain sections regarding the Michigan Merit Curriculum in the Revised School Code is scheduled to receive its first hearing before the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee on November 5, 2019.

SR 84 – **Careers in Energy Week** (Lauwers) A resolution to recognize October 14-18, 2019 as Careers in Energy Week was introduced and adopted on October 10, 2019.

SR 85 – **Get Smart About Credit Month** (Theis) A resolution to recognize October 2019 as Get Smart About Credit Month was introduced and adopted on October 10, 2019.

Upcoming Senate Committees

The Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee is scheduled to meet on November 5, 2019 for a hearing on SB 171 and SB 600-601 regarding the MMC.

BUDGET ACTION

HB 4232 – **MDE Budget** (Miller) Disapproved line items for a bill to provide Fiscal Year 2019-2020 appropriations for MDE were re-referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

HB 4242 – **K-12 School Aid Budget** (Miller) Disapproved line items for a bill to provide FY 2019-2020 School Aid appropriations were re-referred to the House Appropriations Committee on October 8, 2019.

ACTION BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 4325 – **Counselors** (Miller) A bill to modify and revise licensing requirements for the scope of practice for counselors was signed by the Governor and assigned P.A. 96 of 2019.

SB 257 – **Deferred Charges** (Chang) A bill to require deferred domestic violence charges to count as prior convictions in subsequent charges was presented to the Governor on October 28, 2019.

FEDERAL

House Education and Labor Committee Updates

Chairman Scott Introduces College Affordability Act

On October 15, 2019, House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott introduced the College Affordability Act, H.R. 4674, a bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act. The Committee expects to markup this bill in the next few weeks.

Subcommittee Hearing: “Examining the USDA’s Proposed Cuts to Free School Meals.”

The Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing on October 16, 2019 on school meals. The sole witness at this hearing was Brandon Lipps, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

GAO Survey on School Facilities

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently sent SEAs a survey on school facilities (if the SEA is the entity in the state that oversees school facilities). The goal is to receive a response from every state to present a nationwide picture. The survey covers the following topics:

- Any assessments related to the condition and accessibility of school facilities;
- Features and systems of a K-12 education;
- Funding mechanisms for school facilities; and
- Federal guidance and support used to help improve the accessibility of school facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other legislative issues, please contact me at (517) 241-4395.